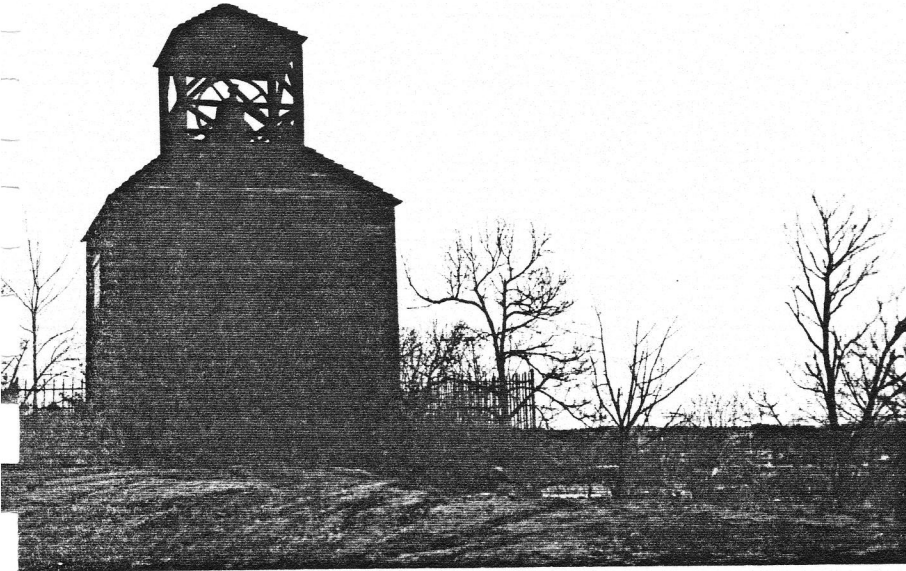


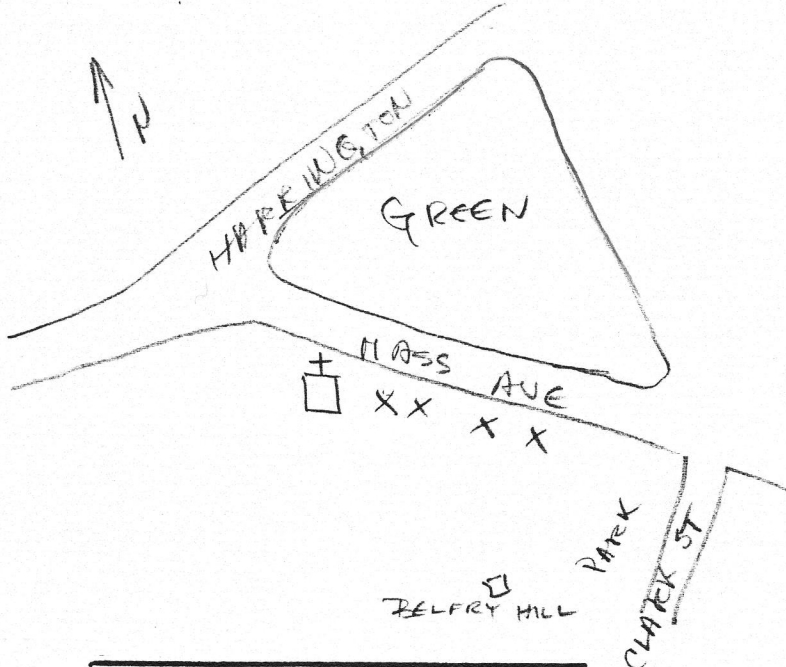
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4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



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other belfry (reproduction)

5. Description

Date 1910

Source Worthen, Calendar History,
p. 108

Construction material wood

Dimensions 6' x 6' x 18'

Setting hilltop

Condition excellent

6. Recorded by E.W. Reinhardt

Organization Lexington Historical Commissic

Date August, 1975

(over)

7.. Original owner (if known) Town of Lexington

Original use original belfry rang warning to town that British were coming April 18-19, 1775

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates continued as meeting and alarm bell

8. Historical significance.

Original was located on the green (Monument B24) and rang the alarm that the British troops were coming on the night of April 18-19, 1775. In 1797 the original was sold to the Parker family (John Parker, Capt. of Minute Men, descendants, including Theodore Parker, transcendentalist, abolitionist, and friend of Emerson), moved to Spring Street at the intersection with old Concord Road. In 1891 the belfry was acquired by the Lexington Historical Society, moved to the Belfry Hill site at the base of the hill on the Hancock School property. A gale wind destroyed the original belfry in 1909, and the present reproduction was created in 1910 and moved to the Belfry Hill location in 1913. The present structure therefore functions as a monument commemorating the original.

In March 1964 Wm. Maloney donates a 1,600 pound bell to replace badly-cracked bell in Old Belfry on Clarke St. hill. Replacement was once in Wilmington Methodist Church.

In Nov. 1971 Harrington House at corner of Clarke St. and Mass. Ave. torn down to make way for Belfry Hill Park.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

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